

APPENDIX B

PRELIMINARY COMMENTS FROM NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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Preliminary Comments provided by
National Park Service (NPS), Rock Creek Park

If the chosen alignment requires the use of National Park Service land in the Takoma area, an Environmental Assessment will be conducted. The Park Service has identified the following issues to be considered along with some initial comments.

Eastern Ave/Piney Branch - Cady-Lee Area

Preliminary Environmental Data Collection

1. Land Use Data – Past, present, and proposed land use, zoning data, ownership and Right-of-Way information needs to be examined
2. Cultural Resources – The area will be examined for possible cultural/historical resources. Included will be the Historic property known as Cady-Lee.
3. Wetlands – none known
4. Floodplains - none known
5. Water Quality – Effects of the proposed trail construction will be evaluated regarding drainage patterns and storm water runoff.
6. Biological Resources – Vegetation and wildlife data will be compiled by field investigation.
7. Aesthetics and Viewsheds – The impact of trail location on the Historic Register property, Cady-Lee, and NPS greenspace, and park neighbors will be examined.
8. Air Quality – minimal impact
9. Noise – minimal impact
10. Hazardous waste - none known
11. Energy - minimal impact
12. Parkland (NPS) – The trail section would be located property administered by Rock Creek National Park, NPS. The parks Management Plan should be reviewed to see if the proposed trail meets use criteria for the areas.
13. Social Justice – The impact of trail construction and use on adjoining Park neighbors and neighborhoods will be examined for compatibility.
14. Cumulative impacts – Information will be collected on any current or reasonably foreseeable future projects in the study area that may, in combination with this project, result in impacts.